

INQUIRY PUT OFF LEST BECKER'S CASE SUFFER

Investigation of Gambling Likely to Prejudice Defense, Says Buckner.

GOES OVER FOR A WEEK

Whitman Denies He Ever Said "That Miserable Little Curran"—Justice Goff Turns Down Hart.

Best evidence which might be brought out at the Curran inquiry be prejudicial to the case of Lieutenant Charles Becker and other defendants charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the administrative committee took an unexpected adjournment yesterday for a week to allow Emory R. Buckner, its chief counsel, to prepare another phase for investigation, apart from the gambling situation, which he had intended to take up with Commissioner Waldo on the witness stand.

The committee met formally at the stated hour in the aldermanic chamber at the City Hall, and Mr. Buckner promptly urged an adjournment. A big crowd on hand to hear Commissioner Waldo on gambling seemed to find it hard to realize that its curiosity was not to be satisfied. The reasons for asking an adjournment were stated in part by Mr. Buckner as follows:

I had intended to go on with the investigation into the administrative policy of the Police Department, as exemplified by Commissioner Waldo's methods of regulating and suppressing vice, but it always has been the intention of course not to get into the record any evidence that would affect the guilt or innocence of any man.

The examination of Commissioner Waldo on this subject might bring out certain things that might affect the men under indictment. We cannot pretend to state what they might be, but I have no doubt that they would be of great importance to the jury in the highly important work which he is doing. It is the duty of this committee to uphold the hands of the District Attorney. Counsel for the District Attorney throughout this investigation, although the work has been along wholly different lines, has been in close touch and co-operation with the District Attorney. I therefore urge that an adjournment be taken.

Don't Wait, Say Democrats.

Incidentally, Mr. Buckner also declared that some of the Democratic members of the committee would want to be absent in Syracuse in attendance upon the Democratic State Convention. Alderman Downing and the other Democratic members declared that the committee could go right ahead without them, and suggested that their absence did not offer a good reason for adjournment. The committee finally decided to adjourn until next Saturday at 10:30 a. m.

Mr. Buckner said after adjournment he would prepare to investigate Commissioner Waldo on the organization and administration of the Detective Bureau at Police Headquarters at the next session.

District Attorney Whitman and John F. McIntyre, counsel for Lieutenant Becker, both commended the decision of the committee to adjourn and not go into the gambling situation at this time, just prior to Becker's trial. Mr. Whitman said it would avert any possibility of complications which might embarrass himself or the defense in the Becker case, and he considered it the right thing to do. Mr. McIntyre expressed himself as grateful to the committee in adjourning at this time. District Attorney Whitman emphatically denied last night that he had seen fit to criticize the work of the aldermanic committee so far. He said such rumors had probably emanated from the fact that he had indulged in a "little tiff" with Alderman Curran the day before. He said he had been in touch with Mr. Buckner, minister for the committee, since the hearing, and had gladly rendered him whatever assistance he could.

Further Amenities.

Assuming that the District Attorney had been correctly quoted yesterday in referring to Alderman Curran, chairman of the investigating committee, as "that miserable little Curran" who circulated the story that he (the District Attorney) had urged the appointment of Max D. Steuer as counsel for the committee in preference to Mr. Buckner, Mr. Curran issued the following statement last night:

With some people nothing hurts like the truth. I have no desire to make this matter public, but Mr. Whitman saw fit to do so and, unfortunately, lost his temper. I suppose he will quiet down after a while, like everybody else. It is to be hoped for the sake of the city that the investigation may proceed without further personalities or abuse.

Mr. Whitman was also quoted as saying that the committee was "pretty poor stuff, anyway," and that it had not accomplished much.

Justice Goff, sitting in the extraordinary term of the Supreme Court, yesterday denied the motions of John W. Hart, of counsel for Lieutenant Becker, to inspect the minutes of the grand jury which indicted Becker. Mr. Hart was called before the grand jury to testify in regard to certain conversations he had had with "Bald Jack" Rose, a witness against Becker, and he contended that his testimony had violated the privileged communication between lawyer and client.

In denying the motion Justice Goff pointed out that Mr. Hart's testimony had not been adduced at the hearing before the grand jury on which the indictment was founded. He declared that Mr. Hart sought to inspect the minutes for the purpose of discovering a flaw or defect in the Becker indictment which would furnish an apparent reason for annulling it, and "incidentally give to the indicted full information as to the strength or weakness of the case against him."

"As a general proposition this is wholly untenable," said Justice Goff, "and it would be destructive of the elemental purpose and function of the grand jury system."

P. R. R.'S BIG RAIL ORDER.

The steel rail orders of the Pennsylvania Railroad system for 1913, which will be placed within a short time, will aggregate about 250,000 tons, it is understood. Against 150,000 tons for the current year. The United States Steel Corporation is expected to receive an order for 125,000 tons, and the Cambria and Pennsylvania Steel companies will probably furnish about 25,000 tons each.

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THREE MEN KILLED IN AEROPLANE FALLS

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approached him and requested that he be taken along as a passenger. Lieutenant Rockwell replied:

"No, you're too heavy."

Before ascending Lieutenant Rockwell remarked to Captain Chandler:

"Captain, I intend to try the air out, and if conditions are favorable I would like to complete my tests for my aviator's license."

It was with this purpose in mind that Lieutenant Rockwell made the flight. To test the machine and air currents thoroughly he carried a passenger, as required by the test he hoped to meet. The machine was an old Wright Type B biplane, which had been rebuilt three times. It was the same machine in which Lieutenant John Kelley met his death in San Antonio, Tex., in March, 1911. Because of its long service it had been nicknamed Old War Horse. More than a thousand flights had been made in it.

Lieutenant Rockwell was the fourth commissioned officer of the United States army to meet death in an aviation accident. The first was Lieutenant Thomas F. Selfridge, killed at Fort Myer, Va., September 17, 1908, while flying with Orville Wright, who had his leg broken. The second was Lieutenant George E. M. Kelly, whose machine got beyond control at San Antonio, Tex., May 30, 1911, while he was making a flight, and crashed to the ground, killing the aviator. The third officer to be killed in this manner was Lieutenant Leighton W. Hazlehurst, who, with his instructor, A. L. Welch, was dashed to the ground and killed on the same field at College Park, Md., where Lieutenant Rockwell and Corporal Scott fell to-day.

The death toll leveled through accidents to aeroplanes of the United States army now totals six. In all aviation has claimed 188 victims, among them 53 army officers.

Lieutenant Rockwell's home was in Cincinnati. He was almost twenty-eight years of age. Entering the United States Military Academy in 1901, he was graduated and received his commission as second lieutenant in 1907. He was assigned to the 2d Infantry and afterward was transferred to the 10th Infantry, from which he volunteered his services as a member of the aviation corps. Three years ago he received his certificate as civilian pilot, and since had been experimenting with machines at the aerodrome. He was regarded as a most careful aviator.

Corporal Scott was attached to the signal corps of the army. His sister at Ridgeway, Penn., was informed of his death.

KILLED BY 70-FOOT FALL

Ex-British Army Officer Dies After Accident at Hempstead.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Hempstead, Long Island, Sept. 28.—Captain John L. Longstaff, a former British army officer, was killed this evening while flying in a Farman biplane, and Pierre Chevalier, his mechanic, received injuries which may prove fatal. The machine was only about seventy feet above the aviation field when one of the control wires evidently became jammed, causing the biplane to plunge with terrific speed to the earth. So great was the force of the impact that the forward section of the machine was buried two feet in the ground, and nothing but a mass of twisted wire and steel remained of the biplane.

Captain Longstaff's body was pinned among the tangled wires, and these had to be cut away before the aviator could be rescued from his position. Chevalier was thrown clear of the machine, but landed on his head and had concussion of the brain and internal injuries. Both men were rushed to the Nassau Hospital, where Captain Longstaff died at 8:40 o'clock without recovering consciousness.

Long staff has been at the Hempstead Plains aviation field for several weeks, and the daring manner in which he piloted his big biplane about the field has been commented upon by the other aviators here. To-day he made a number of flights, seeming to have his machine under perfect control. He had arranged to take up A. C. Payne, of the Montauk Hotel, Brooklyn, this evening, and the latter was on the ground in readiness.

Said Risk Was Too Great.

At the last moment the aviator decided to try out a new propeller, and although Payne was eager to accompany him Captain Longstaff would not consent, saying the risk was too great. He selected Chevalier as his passenger, because of the latter's experience, and when the mechanic had taken his seat alongside the British aviator Captain Longstaff waved his hand to Payne and called out:

"It will be your turn next, if nothing happens before then."

Although he said this with a smile of confidence, as he took hold of the steering wheel, Captain Longstaff evidently had an intuition that something might happen to him.

While a couple of assistants held the biplane steady, Captain Longstaff turned on the power in his motor and the machine trembled under the impetus of the new propeller. At a word from the aviator, the assistants let go their hold on the machine, and the biplane shot into the air.

Three times did Longstaff send the big Farman around the course, the machine making a weird picture as it slipped swiftly through the air, with the rays of the setting sun glinting from the polished planes. Payne, who stood in the centre of the field, lost in admiration of the aviator's skill and daring, was just in the act of shouting his approval of Longstaff's mastery of the biplane when something happened.

Aviator Kept His Head.

Instead of swooping on in its smooth flight the biplane suddenly trembled in midair and then dashed toward the earth. Longstaff did not lose his head, and until the last kept trying to work his elevating planes to bring the machine on an even keel. His hand was still on the elevating lever when his body was taken from the wreckage.

The jammed control wire arrested the biplane's flight so suddenly as to cause the machine to capsize, carrying Captain Longstaff with it to the ground. As soon as the machine had fallen men rushed out from the hangars and started to assist the two men. It was several minutes before Longstaff's body was extracted. His skull was badly fractured and many bones in his body were broken. Chevalier, twenty feet from the machine, was found to have severe injuries about the head. A piece of one of the bamboo supports on the machine had penetrated his right eye, destroying the sight.

After the men had been rushed to the hospital in the automobile of William Kipp, a friend of Longstaff, the Englishman's friends tried to get into communication with his wife and step-daughter, Miss Jackson Taylor, who are said to be in New York City. Neither of the women had arrived at the hospital when Captain Longstaff breathed his last.

From letters found in Longstaff's pockets it is known that he formerly lived in Leeds, England, and after retiring from the army had entered the service of the Mexican insurgents as an air scout. He held a pilot's license from the Royal Aero Club of England and was about thirty-five years old.

NEW HAVEN AVIATOR INJURED

Falls 150 Feet and Crashes Into Side of a Barn.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) New Haven, Sept. 28.—Ray Morris, a local aviator, horseman and automobilist, was injured this afternoon when the engine of his biplane failed to work. He fell 150 feet, crashing into the side of a barn near the grounds of the New Haven Country Club. He was pinned in the wreckage of his machine and was extricated unconscious. He was covered with cuts and bruises, and one arm and several ribs are broken. Internal injuries are feared.

Morris was flying near the Country Club grounds for two hours, and hundreds of the people at the grounds and on Whitney avenue watched his exhibition. When he fell his head was jammed through one of the glass windows of the barn, and the broken glass cut his face badly. The fact that the front wheel of his machine caught in a wheelbarrow prevented the engine from crushing him to death.

AVIATION MEET ARRANGED

Aeronautical Society to Hold Tournament on Staten Island.

An aviation tournament is to be held at Oakwood Heights, Staten Island, on October 12. It will be the first meet under the auspices of the Aeronautical Society, a new organization, the members of which are making every effort to assure success. Among the features arranged is a parachute descent, which Rodman Law has been engaged to make from the aeroplane of Harry B. Brown at an altitude of 1,500 feet.

The Aero Club of America, of which the Aeronautical Society is a rival, has been invited to participate in the meet.

The Aeronautical Society has been organized for the express purpose of developing the scientific side of flying.

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NEW ROCHELLE ON EXHIBIT

City Entertains 800 Guests on Sightseeing Tour.

New Rochelle held open house yesterday to about eight hundred persons from New York City, Long Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania points, who responded to an invitation to look the city over on a sightseeing tour in automobiles and steamboats.

The guests arrived at the North avenue station of the New York, Westchester & Boston Railway, which was recently completed, and were met by Mayor Frederick H. Waldorf, Controller Jere Millemann and members of the "New Rochelle Day" committee.

A party of fifty, including the mayors of neighboring cities, presidents of Westchester County villages, officials of the Westchester Railroad and newspaper men, was entertained at the Wyckoff Country Club and at the New Rochelle Yacht Club at luncheon by Mayor Waldorf.

Tea was served to other visitors at the Huguenot House by the New Rochelle Huguenot Association, which is the home of Thelma Faine, author, statesman and patriot, during the Revolutionary War, and is now a public museum, owned by the Huguenot Association.

DISCARD CLUB INSIGNIA

Princeton Campus Won't Glitter with Ties and Hatbands.

Princeton, N. J., Sept. 28.—Princeton's campus will no longer glitter with a varied assortment of club hatbands and club ties. The movement for the abolishment of club insignia in Princeton originated with the students themselves, and when the matter was taken in hand by the senior council President Hibben was asked to address them on the subject.

Princeton's new executive was quick to line up for the abolishment of the custom, and at recent meetings of the clubs the undergraduates agreed with the council.

SITUATION CHAOTIC AS BOOMS HIT SYRACUSE

Governor the Logical Tammany Candidate, but Murphy May Throw Him Over.

BOSS TO BE IN CONTROL

Dix Won't Have Delegates from His Own District—They Will Be for Mayor Burns of Troy.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.) Syracuse, Sept. 28.—Although the Democratic State Convention will not begin its sessions until next Tuesday, boomers of some ambitious candidates got here to-night and began to display their wares. They persisted in their booming, despite the fact that Murphy, of Tammany, declares he is for Dix and that Governor Dix himself predicts his renomination, because the Democratic party can't do otherwise.

It is a highly interesting situation which confronts the Democrats. They've got to make their campaign on the record of their two years of state control. The events of those years have alienated many important and influential Democrats, because they demonstrated so completely the power of Tammany Hall over the rest of the Democracy, as it exists in this state, and the head of the Democratic administration. That has come back on Governor Dix, so that to-day he stands virtually as the candidate of Tammany Hall alone, and there is no certainty that Murphy won't dump him overboard whenever he pleases. Indeed, there is a strong suspicion that he has intended to do so all along, and has just been playing with the Governor and keeping him quiet by letting him amuse himself with his second term boom.

The sentiment against Dix among up-staters is shown by the fact that he won't have the delegates from his Congress district for him. Joseph Murphy, of Troy, son of ex-Senator Murphy, is here with the tender boom of Mayor Cornelius J. Burns, of that city in his keeping. It is expected that he will have the delegates which ordinarily might be expected to go to the Governor from his home district. Murphy won't discuss that, but it became known here to-night when the Burns talk drifted around the corridors that a day or two ago Governor Dix, hearing that he couldn't hope to land this special bunch of delegates, called Murphy on the telephone to remonstrate. He remonstrated, but didn't land the delegates.

John A. Mason, secretary of the Democratic State Committee, who is also secretary to Governor Dix, got here to-night to make arrangements for the convention. He proclaimed the utmost confidence that the Governor would be a second term.

Believe Dix Would Be Weak.

Among the people here to-night there is a general feeling that Dix would be a weak candidate, but that Murphy could nominate him if he insisted. The fact that a move has been made already to place an Independent Democratic ticket in the field in case Dix is renominated hasn't pleased the regulars a bit. They argue that in a year when there is the Progressive ticket to contend with, a ticket bound to cut into the Democratic vote in New York City heavily, in addition to a good Republican ticket, there is no use taking chances with a man against whom there is so much opposition at the start as is accumulated against Dix.

They don't know, and don't profess to know, how far Murphy will carry his regularly announced intention to support Dix. As for Dix's confidence, they don't let that weigh much with them.

Governor Dix won't be at this convention, according to Mr. Mason, under any circumstances. It appears he is very busy just at present in endeavoring to learn just how the upstate will line up. His telephone is working overtime, and he has had agents out around the state trying to poll delegations in the last week.

He has learned that he can't count on the delegates from Erie County, controlled by Fitzpatrick. These men, controlled by Fitzpatrick, who is a willing, even servile, Murphy worker ordinarily, will vote for anybody Murphy wants except Dix.

Murphy To Be in Control.

Murphy, of course, will control this convention. He will have the delegates from greater New York with him for anything he wants to do. Erie, Albany, Broome and adjacent southern tier counties, and probably Onondaga, will line up with him certainly on anything except the nomination, and without much doubt all exception, and without much doubt all exception, Erie on that. The political ready reckoners are saying that Murphy will have 250 or 260 delegates who'll sneeze when he takes snuff, even without Erie. So if he takes snuff, even without Erie, he'll be able to do so. If Dix is not renominated it'll be because Murphy has gone back on all he's said about the Governor and to him so far.

But there is some doubt. For instance, at Albany to-day "Packy" McCabe, Murphy's sub-boss there, praised Dix with moderate enthusiasm. It didn't quite take the chill off a brisk autumn day. "We don't quite know what we'll do," he said, he after this tribute to the Gov. said he, after this tribute to Dix, when we get it from one man and another.

sounds pretty bad. We can't go into a campaign with many elements of the party 'sore,' you know. So we're going to wait until we get to the convention and round up all the fellows together and see what it looks like when we can talk it all over there."

By which the genial McCabe didn't mean to indicate that there would be an unboasted convention. Nobody has dared to mention that word in connection with this gathering.

Besides the Dix and Burns booms, there's quite a presentable young Sulzer boom hovering around the outskirts of the gathering. It is being cherished by John J. Cummins, of this city, an old-time friend of Sulzer, who thinks this is the year of years. Also there's a boom for Thomas B. Lockwood, of Buffalo, son of the well known Cleveland Democrat. Young Lockwood is well supplied with money, and as long as that lasts his advocates will be well supplied with enthusiasm. He has just completed an automobile tour of the state, which hasn't disabused him of the idea that he'll be called to lead his party to glorious victory. He expects to have some 300 shouters here Monday.

Murphy, a group of his Tammany intimates, McCabe of Albany, Fitzpatrick of Buffalo, and other Tammanyized upstaters, will reach here to-morrow. So far there is no sign of any of the anti-Tammany men, Thomas Mott Osborne, Senator Franklin D. Roosevelt and Charles F. Rattigan are delegates to this convention.

and will be relied on to head whatever anti-Murphy movement there is within that august body.

OSBORNE READY FOR WAR

Tells Cayuga Democrats Many Will Fight Murphy.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Thomas Mott Osborne spoke belligerently before the Cayuga County Democratic Committee and evoked great applause to-day, when he said that any effort of Murphy to dominate the state convention in Syracuse next week would result in open warfare.

"I expect to have some fun next week," he said. "I came back from New York, where I talked with some of the leaders, yesterday, and they are much encouraged over the prospect for a strong ticket in Syracuse. I wish I could feel as confident as they."

"Mr. Hedges is a man against whom nothing can be said except that he tells funny stories and tells them well. He has more character and ability than he is given credit for, and he will make a

good run. Mr. Wadsworth has the stamp of a machine man and has played the machine game, but he is a man of great ability and personal charm, and a man who makes votes."

Continuing, Mr. Osborne said:

The Democratic party to win on the state ticket must be free from the slightest taint of bossism. Any attempt to stand on the record of the party for the last two years would be fatal. Personally I think that Governor Dix has been blamed for a lot of things for which he is not to blame, and he is not blamed for a lot of things for which he should be blamed. I have some information that Dix is not to be renominated by Mr. Murphy. If he has a grain of gratitude in his person he should nominate Dix.

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Your delegates at Syracuse will try to bring about the selection of a strong state ticket. It may mean disagreeable feeling and some plain truths may have to be told. The people should know the real truths about the government, and not the truth as sent out by the dummy Governor while the real governor is working behind the chair and scenes. If Mr. Murphy is to be the Governor, let him nominate himself and be where we can get at him. If necessary to tell some disagreeable truths at Syracuse I will be on to tell them, and there will be plenty of others.

Mr. Osborne reported that the work of the Murphy opposition throughout the state indicated a widespread and almost unanimous opposition to Murphy rule. To ignore this sentiment at Syracuse would mean Democratic defeat in this state, he said.

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